

WAR PLOT FEARED IN CALIFORNIA

All Bridges Guarded By
Southern Pacific
Against Bombs

Washington Gets Busy To
Check the Fire
Bugs

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 12.—Yesterday armed guards were hurriedly sent out by the Southern Pacific Railroad and last night found every bridge culvert and heavy cut along the length of the lines embraced in the western division patrolled and protected against any possible efforts at train wrecking by war plotters.

The line has been transporting explosives from the Hercules Powder Company's plant and also Standard Oil products to the east, for the filling of war orders and more than ordinary precautions have been taken for some time.

Bomb Discovered
Yesterday, however, fishermen discovered a bomb composed of six sticks of dynamite, with caps and fuse, under one of the railroad bridges across Alhambra creek, near Martinez, over which bridge the entire tonnage of Hercules powder is carried.

When the news of the discovery of this bomb was sent to the office of the company here, hurried steps were taken to thoroughly protect the line against any outrages that might be attempted, the guards being under orders to shoot suspicious trespassers if necessary to protect the tracks.

Minnesota In Tomorrow
The steamship Minnesota, alleged to be the victim of a carefully prepared war plot, was reported two hundred and thirty miles south at eight o'clock last night. She will reach this port on Monday afternoon.

Nothing further as to the cause of the engine room trouble, which put all sixteen boilers out of commission at various times, has been given out by Captain Garlick, who is evidently acting under instructions from the Great Northern head officials to impart no information.

GOVERNMENT ANXIOUS TO CATCH PLOTTERS

WASHINGTON, December 12.—Action is being taken to meet the request in the President's message that legislation be enacted or other steps taken to secure evidence to bring to justice every offender against the neutrality laws of the United States, while the report of Attorney General T. W. Gregory and his department statement sent to congress yesterday, asks that congress enact laws to protect the country against violations of its neutrality. Recent cases have shown the inadequacy of laws to punish neutrality violations, the President's message pointing out the need for legislation on this subject.

Departments Act
A central organization for the gathering of evidence against war plotters and other violators of neutrality is now under way towards completion. Under the plan being worked out, the post-office department, the state department, the department of justice and the treasury department will join in gathering information, which will be assembled and acted upon by the state department, under the special directions of Department Counselor Polk.

Each department maintains a secret service, and the officers will work especially along the lines desired by Mr. Polk.

More Explosions
The explosions and fires alleged to be caused by war plotters throughout the country are continuing, despite the activities of the secret service. Yesterday at Paulboro, New Jersey, the plant of the Du Pont Powder Company at that place was destroyed by an explosion, the cause of which is unknown. None of the workmen was injured, but the plant is wrecked.

ANOTHER STEAMER SUNK
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 11.—The British steamer Basilisk has been sunk. The crew landed safely.

CUPID DECKS ON LINER HAVE TO GO UNDER NEW RULE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 12.—Cupid decks are to be abolished in the steamer Great Northern and hereafter spooning honeymooning couples sailing to the enchanted islands of the Pacific in the new vessel will stroll the decks in the moonlight at midnight only by special permission or under the watchful eye of a chaperon. This is the result of an order issued yesterday from the office of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company, appointing an official chaperon.

William Metzler, of Portland has been chosen for the new position. Formally he will be known as the Great Northern's chief officer. He takes up his duties with the next sailing of the vessel from this city.

USELESS HEALTH RULE FOR TOURISTS

Returning Honolulu Tourist Says
Quarantine Inspection On
Coast Unnecessary

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, December 12.—Herbert Fleischacker, prominent California banker, who with Mrs. Fleischacker was among the tourists returning by the Great Northern from Honolulu, expressed some surprise on arrival here at finding that rigid medical examination before they are permitted to land.

He said he did not think such inspection was any more necessary than it would be in the case of passengers arriving on coastwise vessels from Puget Sound.

Mr. Fleischacker declared Hawaii is enjoying a season of unexcelled prosperity and that with the sugar duty retained next year the interests in the islands are promised great prosperity in 1916.

**BRITISH REPLY TO
PEACE TALK IS A
RUSH TO RECRUIT**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 12.—The British response to the suggestion that Germany is ready to consider requests for peace from the Allies in coming in the line outside of the recruiting stations, thousands responding daily to the call for more volunteers in order that the war may be prosecuted to a finish, with a final overwhelming victory for the Entente. There is an unprecedented rush in progress to recruit for the colors under the so-called "Derby plan," promulgated by Lord Derby, in charge of recruiting. So continuous are the applications that physicians making the physical tests are exhausted from overwork. Hundreds are in all the lines.

The time limit, within which recruits must present themselves, was originally midnight tonight, but it has been extended.

All stations in life are represented among those flocking to the colors. Many of the London banks are denuded of clerks.

SUGAR TARIFF TO COME UP MONDAY

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)
WASHINGTON, December 11.—The matter of the retention of the duty on sugar will be taken up next Monday night at a caucus of the House Democrats, called to approve the bill extending the war tax emergency act. The question involved is whether the legislation for the retention of sugar duty shall be attached to that measure or brought in later as separate legislation.

It is apprehended that some Democrats might oppose the plan if it were incorporated in the war tax bill.

**FALSE FIRE ALARM
STARTS SMALL PANIC**

WAILUKU, Maui, December 11.—A small panic occurred at the Valley Isle Theater Monday night, when someone in the street shouted "Fire!" The alarm was unfounded. The fact that the audience was small saved the people from serious accident. All in the building made a rush for the front door and in the congestion at the foot of the stairs several were swept from their feet. One woman was painfully bruised.

Two policemen in the balcony had absolutely no control over the frenzied crowd.

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EMPEROR YUAN NOW A REALITY

China Abandons Republic and
Crown Will Be Placed On
a New Ruler

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PEKING, China, December 11.—Yuan Shih-Kai, president of China, is today Emperor in all but the formal coronation. He accepted the throne formally today, when the honor was offered him by the council of state, acting as parliament, the parliament having been dissolved. The council, before taking its action, canvassed the vote in the recent election held to determine whether the people wished to abandon the Republic and substitute a monarchical form of government. The canvass of votes showed that 1993 out of 2042 votes cast favored the change.

Yuan will continue as president until a convenient time for the coronation, it is announced. Pressure has been brought to bear upon Yuan to postpone the change in government until the end of the war and it has been officially announced in Peking that the change would not be made during the present year.

**AMERICAN ADVISER
IS MUCH SURPRISED**
BALTIMORE, December 12.—Dr. F. J. Goodnow, who recently returned from Peking, where he acted as special adviser to the Chinese government, having assisted in the framing of the constitution for the Chinese Republic, expresses the greatest surprise at the sudden change in the governmental situation in the Chinese capital, but he is inclined to believe that the change to a constitutional monarchy is a change for the better.

The upper class in China is indifferent as to the particular form of government to be chosen, he says, while the limited monarchy form gives better chances for the development of constitutional government than the radical change which the sudden adoption of the republic idea brought about, which confused the average Chinaman.

**WILL ORGANIZE AN
OPPOSITION MOVEMENT**
SAN FRANCISCO, December 11.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic Association here and leader of many Chinese, announced today that preliminary measures are already under way to oppose the establishment of the new monarchy under Yuan.

The association controls similar organizations in both North and South America. The association will hold a meeting tomorrow to consider raising funds to oppose the monarchy.

**DIET TO RATIFY
MONARCHY MOVE TODAY**
TOKIO, December 12.—In Peking today the diet will hold an election upon the question of Yuan Shih-Kai mounting the throne as Emperor. Representatives of all the Provinces of China, at a conference December 10, considered Yuan for the throne and none voted against him.

**SCURVY DRIVING
TEUTONS FROM THE
GALICIAN CAPITAL**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, December 12.—It is reported here that the Austro-Germans are being forced to evacuate the Galician capital of Lemberg because of an epidemic of scurvy that has broken out, induced by the scarcity of proper food.

This is the main item of news from the front in Galicia. In the north the Russian artillery is hammering the German positions and preventing any work on the strengthening of the advanced trenches for winter occupation. The suffering amongst the German troops in Courland and the Riga districts is said to be great.

Three Russian torpedo boats yesterday attacked two Turkish gunboats in the Black Sea, sinking both. The Turks had no survivors. A Turkish sailing ship was likewise sent to the bottom.

**REFERENDUM, BUT
WHERE'S THE RECALL?**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 11.—Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma announced today that he will seek to have the constitution of the United States amended, so that in the future the country cannot enter into war without approval by popular vote throughout the states. By this method he hopes to guard permanently against any possibility of a war of aggression by the United States.

**JAPAN RENEWS SUBSIDY
TO STEAMSHIP OWNERS**
(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, Japan, December 11.—Japan will renew the subsidy to all steamship companies operating steamers to foreign ports. The Japanese government sent a letter today to every company advising that the subsidy would remain the same as before.

NAVY ADOPTS NEW BRITISH DEFENSE

Fast Motor Boats To Use Against
Submarines To Be Put On
Ships of the Line

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 12.—It was learned yesterday that the navy department is planning to install in all battleships and cruisers as soon as possible a type of very light weight, light draft motor boat, to be employed in defending the leviathans from attacks of enemy submarines.

The department gets its idea directly from the motor launches of this type which have been used so effectively by Great Britain the last few months in her work of clearing the English Channel of the German submarine.

It is proposed to design small craft, strong enough and light enough to be lifted and lowered at will from the decks of the big ships. They would have a crushing radius, it is stated, of fully a hundred and fifty miles and power sufficient to travel at a sustained speed of forty-one miles an hour. Each would carry one or more eighteen inch torpedo tubes.

By working several alternately a vessel could steam across the Atlantic under a patrol which would prove a highly effective safeguard against submarine attack.

GREECE TO MEET ALLIES' DEMANDS

Orders To Demobilize Salonika
Troops Expected Soon

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ATHENS, December 11.—Greece has made arrangements to demobilize the big army which has been concentrated for the past three months.

It is expected that a decree to this effect will shortly be issued, and the move is taken to mean that Greece has no present intention of participating in the war at any early date.

The French minister and King Constantine conferred today. Their conference was followed by a visit of the ministers of the Entente Powers to Premier Skouloudis.

A PARTHIAN RETREAT
LONDON, December 11.—The Allies are still retreating in the southern Balkan fighting. As they retreat they are inflicting heavy losses on the advancing Bulgarians and Turks and are suffering themselves comparatively small losses.

It is conceded that the force of the Allies in this region is inadequate to stem the tide of the enemy's campaign.

CAMPAIGN TO CONTINUE
PARIS, December 11.—France and Great Britain have decided to continue the campaign in the Balkans. They have agreed upon measures to assure the security of the expeditionary forces.

A semi-official statement today indicates that the French and British are withdrawing from Serbia. The armies of the Central Powers now occupying the Balkan arena are declared by the Bulgarian premier to number a million.

RUSSIANS CONCENTRATING
BERLIN, December 11.—Advices indicate that the Russians are concentrating their forces on the Rumanian border. The Austrians in Bukowina are reinforcing.

**FRENCH SEARCHING
MORE U. S. SHIPS**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 11.—A French cruiser again is searching American steamers on the Atlantic. This time the French warship searched the steamer San Juan of the New York Porto Rico line, bound from New Orleans for San Juan. William Gunther, captain of the ship, was removed from the steamer. This vessel is the third of the same line held within five days. The company is awaiting fuller reports concerning the other two, the Coma and Carolina, before protesting the stoppage of the Porto Rico line of vessels will be the subject of diplomatic representations by the United States to France.

**OPPOSITION PREPARE
TO OUST GOVERNMENT**

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shimpoo.)
TOKIO, December 11.—K. Hara, leader of the Seiyukai or People's party, and T. Inukai, leader of the Kokuminto or Radical party, met today to discuss plans for the overthrow of the Okuma government. The above parties have made a vigorous campaign against the present government for some time and politics in Japan is sure to take on a new aspect as the result of the meeting today.

**COUNT OKUMA HOST
AT BIG GARDEN PARTY**
(Tokio Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, December 11.—Premier Okuma entertained three thousand guests at a grand banquet in honor of the coronation at his official residence last evening. Many of the prominent citizens of Tokyo were present, as well as a number of representatives from other countries.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM KAU FLOOD

Five Minutes After Family Leaves
House It Is Swept
Away

HILO, December 11.—Five persons had a narrow escape in the big storm which swept the Kau region recently when the home of J. H. Bohling, in Wood valley, was caught in the flood and swept away. No trace either of the house or the shack of a Japanese, which was located nearby, has been found. It is thought both were carried to sea.

Bohling, who is seen on him for Puhia plantation, escaped with his wife, child and two school teachers, wading through the swiftly running, rapidly rising flood, five minutes before the house left its mooring and sailed away on the crest of the tide. The people saved nothing save the clothes they wore.

Bohling's home was three miles above Puhia, near Kapapala school. Fearing the school cottage would be carried away, Miss Dawson and Mrs. Martinson, the teachers, had accepted Mrs. Bohling's invitation to remain at her home that night. Awakened near midnight by the slight shaking of the building, which was then in the grip of the flood, Mrs. Bohling called the teachers and picking up her child, abandoned the structure.

Bohling, at first unmoved by the woman's fears, was induced by one of the teachers to leave after she had gone outside and learned the great force of the rising stream. Five minutes after the group reached higher ground they heard the crash as the house toppled from its foundations into the water. The home of the Japanese in the same neighborhood which vanished that night was untenanted at the time.

The Bohling house was a five-room structure. Supervisor Kanehane says the force of the flood dislodged and carried down the valley for considerable distance boulders weighing more than a ton each.

WASHINGTON THINKING OF A HONOLULU - HILO AERIAL MAIL ROUTE?

HILO, December 11.—H. D. Corbett, the local postmaster, brings word from Washington that the postal authorities are considering seriously the advisability of inaugurating aerial mail service between Honolulu and Hilo.

Corbett says he discussed the subject with Postmaster General Burleson, First Assistant Postmaster Roper and General Superintendent Johnson, head of the railway mail service, and at the request of the general superintendent he now is preparing a report to send to Washington concerning the probable weight of the mails it would be necessary to carry between Honolulu and Hilo if daily flights were made.

Corbett asserts the postal authorities are working in conjunction with the war department in the experiment. They seek to increase the number of efficient aviators in America by this method. In event of war the war department also could have a fairly accurate idea of the number of fliers upon whom it could rely.

The postmaster says he was assured the postal authorities intend asking an appropriation of congress for making trial tests and establishing the aeroplane mail service.

HENRY FORD'S NAME AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

LINCOLN, Nebraska, December 11.—Henry Ford, auto owner and peace advocate, appears as a presidential candidate now in this state. His name was filed today by Omaha Republicans through a petition placing him on the state presidential primary ballot. The Republican primary will be held next April.

ALLIES ASKED TO LET ATTACHES PASS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 11.—France and Great Britain have been requested by the state department to provide "safe conducts" for the German military and naval attaches, Captains Von Papen and Roy-Ed recalled at the request of the United States because of their activities.

WILL EQUIP NAVY YARDS FOR BIG WORK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 12.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels plans to equip the navy yards at Mare Island, Puget Sound, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk so that it will be possible to build battleships at each.

BELGIAN MUNITION PLANT LATEST TO BLOW UP

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, December 11.—According to reports, a Belgian munitions factory at Havre, France, has been blown up in an explosion and a thousand persons injured. The deaths are comparatively few.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the largest selling cough medicine in the world today because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It stops coughs and colds speedily and effectively. For sale by all dealers. Penick, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

MASKED BANDIT SHOOTS AND ROBS

Japanese Contractor Waylaid
and Payroll Coin Taken After
He Was Wounded

Highway robbery, assault with intent to kill and a few other things took place at Waipahu on Friday afternoon, a Filipino bandit, assuming a Japanese guise, shooting a Japanese contractor and a posse of Japanese are searching for the highwayman.

Hironaka, who is a contractor and gang leader for the Oahu Sugar Company, took a car with him full of cash around the Japanese camps with him, having when he started out four hundred dollars, his purpose being to pay off his workmen at Camp Twelve and Thirteen. At Camp Twelve, Hironaka left \$204 and proceeded with the balance along the plantation road towards Camp Thirteen, riding a bicycle.

At a bend in the road, from the came, a masked man, distinguishable as a Filipino, stepped with gun in hand, calling on Hironaka to stand and deliver. The Japanese paid heed by hitting up a swift pace on his wheel, whereupon the highwayman opened fire, his third shot catching Hironaka in the arm, causing him to drop the money sack and fall from the machine. The bandit ran up, grabbed the sack containing \$196 and ducked into the cane, disappearing.

The wounded man made his way into camp and, after he had taken the shrapnel taken to the plantation hospital. His wound is not serious.

Up until last night, the deputy sheriff and his men had not located the Filipino, whose identity is strongly suspected.

SANGUINARY AFFRAYS KEEP HILO POLICE BUSILY EMPLOYED

HILO, December 11.—On charges of assault with a weapon, a Filipino man and a Porto Rican woman are held to the grand jury. The Filipino, Portonato de la Cruz, slashed a countryman with a cane-knife in a row over a crap game. The victim's wounds are said to be not dangerous.

The woman, Feliciano Torre, is said to have interfered in a fight between another Porto Rican woman and a Filipino mother, cutting her countrywoman severely, but not dangerously, with a knife.

A Korean plantation laborer is in the hospital suffering from a critical revolver wound, which the authorities believe was self-inflicted. When found near Honolulu, Monday evening, the man said a Filipino had attacked him, but the powder burns on his clothes are taken as evidence that the man himself fired the shot.

Filled with cheap wine and flourish of a revolver, Felix Orball, Filipino, terrorized a laborer's camp at Waiakea Tuesday afternoon, until another Filipino struck him from behind and overpowered him while he was reloading the weapon. No one was injured. The police are investigating the truth of Orball's statement that he purchased the revolver from a white merchant.

MAUI COURT CLERK HELD FOR SHORTAGE

Shortly after noon today Edmund H. Hart, clerk of the second circuit court was arrested on charges of embezzlement of \$250 of county funds. The warrant was sworn to by E. R. Bevis, county attorney, and was served by County Sheriff Clem Crockett.

The \$250 which Hart is accused of embezzling does not by any means cover the amount of his shortage, which however will not be known until the auditor has time to check up his books. It is understood he has admitted he cannot account for between \$3000 and \$4000, and it is believed the amount may be considerably more than this.

That anything was wrong in the court clerk's office was announced until this morning, when Charles Wilcox, county auditor, announced his intention to audit the court books. Then Hart called in County Attorney Bevis and confessed that his accounts would show a shortage. It is said Hart's books have not been audited for more than three years.

JUMPS TO HIS DEATH FROM HIGH BRIDGE

WAILUKU, Maui, December 11.—Tanda Kemeke, a Japanese vegetable peddler committed suicide Sunday by jumping from Maliko Gulch, a trail, hurtling through the air to the rocks 300 feet below. The force of the impact crushed his body almost to pulp. No cause is known for the act.

A small Japanese girl was walking home with him from Hanakapoko. Arriving at the bridge she refused to cross, but the man walked out to the point highest from the gulch and then deliberately cast himself into the abyss. He was about fifty years old and with out family. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide.

FORD WILL GET COOL RECEPTION IN HIS MISSION

Neutral Capitals Commence To
Grin As Peace Delegation
Gets Nearer — Novelty of
the Trip Now Amuses Them

NO OFFICIAL GLAD
HAND FOR DETROITER

He Can Stay At The Hague
So Long As He and His
Friends Do Not Become Nuisance To Dutch Government

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
THE HAGUE, December 12.—Henry Ford and the members of his peace delegation, who are now nearing Christiania, are attracting the attention of the press of the neutral capitals, the general tone of the comments on the trip of the American automobile manufacturer and its avowed purpose being that of amusement. The Stockholm press, in particular, is paying much attention to what it regards as a "novelty in warfare."

The Oscar II is due to arrive at Christiania on Tuesday and yesterday wireless requests for accommodations for the one hundred and sixty-eight persons in the party were received at the American legation in the Norwegian capital. The request was turned over to a private bureau, which will find rooms for the American peace-makers.

No Official Recognition

Beyond this request, the American minister to Norway and the American consul at Christiania have received no communications from the party. Both will receive Mr. Ford as a private citizen, only, and he will receive no special attention other than that given to ordinary tourists.

Inquiries as to the status of the Ford party have been made at the American legation by the Norwegian government, Minister Schmedeman replying that no official recognition of Mr. Ford is being given. On this basis, the Norwegian government will decline to receive Mr. Ford in any official way.

Hague Very Neutral
At this capital it has been announced, on official authority, that neither official recognition nor encouragement will be given Mr. Ford by the Dutch government. At the same time there will be no opposition to his peace efforts with this capital as his headquarters, unless those efforts become embarrassing to the government in the strict neutrality it is preserving.

In that event, the members of the Ford party will simply be asked to transfer their headquarters to some other place than on Dutch soil.

AMERICAN AVIATOR MADE TOKIO GASP IN LOOP-THE-LOOP

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, December 11.—Harry Niles, American aviator, looped-the-loop here today, the first time Japan had seen this aeronautical feat. One hundred thousand persons were impressed to an unusual degree.

After making ten evolutions, 1000 feet above the ground, Niles killed his engine and permitted his monoplane to descend with terrific speed, nose-first, toward the earth. When only a few feet from earth he turned and moved off parallel to the ground—and then ascended again for another loop. He made seven loops in his biplane—eighteen in all.

Niles was congratulated by Prince Kitashirakawa and Prince Higashi Kanmima after he finished, and Prince Higashi hastened away to tell the emperor what the American aviator had done, so it is considered probable that he will be honored, absent today, will see for himself.

Japanese army and navy officers and aviators welcomed Niles yesterday. He will fly at Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, Fukuoka, and Hiroshima. He will fly again tomorrow at Aoyama park, where today's exhibition was held.